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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO USC KATERINA ANTHONY

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1. PLEASE ADVISE MRS MARIA SOTIROPOULOS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE EUR/IB, OF FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING GRANDMOTHER KATERINA ANTHONY. MRS ANTHONY HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO COMMUNICATE WITH RELATIVES CONCERNING HER SITUATION IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA AND HER STATE OF HEALTH AS IT AFFECTS PROPOSED TRAVEL TO US.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED JANUARY SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK FOR KATERINA ANTHONY AND WILL DELIVER FUNDS FEBRUARY 20. MRS ANTHONY SHOULD NOT REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WHILE SHE REMAINS AT VILLAGE.

3. MRS ANTHONY'S EARLY DEPARTURE FROM VILLAGE IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA NOW SEEMS NECESSARY WHETHER OR NOT SHE IS PRESENTLY IN PHYSICAL CONDITION TO JOIN SON IN US. HER NIECE AND ONLY RELATIVE IN VILLAGE INSISTS THAT SHE CANNOT CONTINUE TO CARE FOR MRS ANTHONY EVEN IF ALL EXPENSES PAID. NIECE'S DAUGHTER ALSO IS URGING MRS ANTHONY'S IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO SOUTH IN ORDER TO EASE STRAIN ON MOTHER.

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4. EMBASSY BELIEVES MRS SOTIROPOULOS SHOULD PROCEED WITH PLANS TO COME TO CYPRUS TO ACCOMPANY GRANDMOTHER BACK TO US (IF HEALTH PERMITS) OR TO ARRANGE FOR GRANDMOTHER'S ADMISSION TO NURSING FACILITY IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREA. IN VIEW OF NIECE'S ATTITUDE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT PRACTICAL TO POSTPONE MRS ANTHONY'S DEPARTURE FROM VILLAGE UNTIL SHE HAS OBTAINED AIRLINE MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR TRAVEL TO US. MRS SOTIROPOULOS COULD CONVENIENTLY ARRANGE MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR GRANDMOTHER IN NICOSIA, CONSULT PERSONALLY WITH PHYSICIAN, AND PROCESS AIRLINE CLEARANCE.

5. TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORTIES HAVE REFUSED PERMISSION FOR MRS SOTIROPOULOS TO VISIT GRANDMOTHER IN VILLAGE AND ACCOMPANY HER TO NICOSIA. DECISION IS UNFORTUNATE BUT CONSISTENT WITH TURKISH POLICY OF RESTRICTING ACCESS TO KARPAS MILITARY AREA. MRS ANTHONY HAS TWICE TOLD CONSOFF SHE IS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO US, AND WE BELIEVE MRS ANTHONY WOULD WILLINGLY GO TO NICOSIA WITH UN MEDICAL ESCORT AND CONSOFF OR EMBASSY EMPLOYEE.

6. SUGGEST MRS SOTIROPOULOS ADVISE EMBASSY AT LEAST TEN DAYSTO TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF HER ETA IN CYPRUS. WE WILL COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS ANTHONY'S DEPARTURE FROM VILLAGE TO COINCIDE WITH MRS SOTIROPOULOS'S ARRIVAL IN NICOSIA. MRS SOTIROPOULOS SHOULD ALLOW MINIMUM TEN DAYS FOR GRANDMOTHER'S MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN NICOSIA, AIRLINE CLEARANCE, HIRING OF MEDICAL ATTENDANT IF NECESSARY, AND HANDLING OF OTHER DETAILS WHICH MAY ARISE.

7. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO OFFER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN MRS SOTIROPOULOS' EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR GRANDMOTHER'S WELFARE. AS MRS SOTIROPOULOS IS AWARE, EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION AS TO ADVISABILITY OF TRAVEL TO US FOR MRS ANTHONY, IN VIEW OF HER AGE AND CHRONIC AILMENTS. VILLAGE PHYSICIAN HAS TOLD CONSOFF THAT MRS ANTHONY COULD PROBABLY UNDERTAKE TRIP TO US. ALTHOUGH SHE SUFFERS FROM ARTERIOSCLEROSIS, HYPERTENSION, AND SEVEE RHEUMATISM. MRS ANTHONY IS ALSO PARALYZED ON RIGHT SIDE, AND REQUIRED ASSISTANCE TO EAT,

DRESS, AND USE BEDPAN. DOCTOR INDICATED THAT MEDICAL ATTENDANT AND STRETCHER WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED FOR FLIGHT, AND MRS SOTIROPOULOS SHOULD CONSULT AIRLINE TO CONFIRM MAXIMUM COSTS IN THIS EVENT.

8. BRITISH AIRWAYS OPERATES DIRECT FLIGHT BA489 NICOSIA-LONDON. SATURDAY DEPARTURE CONNECTS WITH BA521 TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOLLOWING DAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH AIRWAYS CHARGES EXTRA THREE FARES FOR PASSENGER ON STRETCHER AS FAR AS LONDON AND EXTRA TWO FARES ON LONDON-WASHINGTON FLIGHT. CRAWFORD

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